

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re application of:

Madaline Chirica, et al.

Application No.: 10/667,289

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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING
DCRS5 (as amended)

Examiner: J. Seharaseyon

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office action dated October 31, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendment and response. Accompanying this response is a Petition for a two-month Extension of Time, thereby extending the time to reply from January 31, 2007, to April 2, 2007 (March 31, 2007, is a Saturday.) Reconsideration is respectfully considered.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.